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CHINESE EXCHANGE OFFICE, 62, West
22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS
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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
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CO., Singapore.

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L. GATTA, Agent,
N. MAULDE, Agent, Hongkong.

CRAWFORD & CO.,
and KELLY & YEEH, Yatshewa,
Lane, Crawford & Co., and KELLY

& CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-IN CAPITAL.....\$8,163,062.50
RESERVE FUND.....\$5,482,127.20
RESERVE LIABILITIES.....\$8,163,062.50
PROVISIONS.....

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—
Chairman—H. L. DALMILEY, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
T. E. Davies, Esq.
W. H. Fawcett, Esq.
H. H. Hopps, Esq.
Hon. J. J. Kenwick,
Alex. MacConachie,
Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.—
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai—John Walter, Esq.
London and County
Bank—

INTEREST ALLOWED.—
Current Date of Accrual at the rate
of 5 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months.....1 per cent.
6 months.....1½ per cent.
12 months.....2 per cent.

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNT.—
Credits granted on sight for commercial
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business discounted.

Drats granted in London, and the
other Commercial cities in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, September 11, 1890. 362

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
premises in Hongkong. Business hours
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10
to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per
annum will be allowed to depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
with a Pass-Book which must be pre-
sented with each payment or with-
drawal. Depositors must not make
any entries themselves in their Pass-
Books but should send them to be
written up at least twice a year, about
the beginning of January and begin-
ning of July.

6.—Correspondence at the business of
the Bank is marked "On Hongkong
Savings' Bank Business" is forwarded free
by the various British Post Offices in
Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand
but the personal attendance of the
depositor or his duly appointed agent
and the production of his Pass-Book
are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 75

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.

Paid-up Capital.....\$580,000.

LONDON.—Head Office, 49, Threadneedle Street,
West End Office, 26, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLOMBIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit,

Buy and Sells Bills of Exchange,

Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for

Collection, and Transacts Banking and

Agency Business generally, on terms to

be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum

6 " 3 "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per

Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 103

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of
1876, the Undersigned BANKS
will be CLOSED for the Transaction of
Public BUSINESS TO-MORROW, the 1st
January.

For the Chartered Mercantile Bank of
India, London and China, G. F. ROWBAND,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China, T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation, T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the New Oriental Bank Corporation,
Limited, E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Comptoir National d'Escompte de
Paris, L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent, Hongkong.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on SATURDAY, the 3rd day of January next, at noon precisely, for the purpose of passing a Special Resolution so that the Articles of Association of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, be amended by adding at the end of Article 9 the words following:—

"Any Share, in respect of which all the
Installments shall not have been paid
on or before the Sixteenth day of
January, 1891, shall be forfeited,
and any Shares so forfeited shall be
deemed to be the absolute property
of the Company and may be realized
or otherwise disposed of as the General
Manager shall determine, and any
Member whose Shares shall have been
forfeited shall, notwithstanding such
forfeiture, be liable to pay to the
Company all Installments due as
of such Share at the time of
forfeiture."

And by inserting the figures 250 in the
place of the figures 2,000 in Articles 41
and 42.

And for the purpose of appointing a new
General Manager or Managers.

C. EWENS,
Hongkong, December 19, 1890. 2100

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

A GENERAL MEETING will be held at
9 p.m. on SATURDAY, the 3rd January, when the President will
show the work of the body during the
year 1890.

ALL BRITISH MASTERS AND OFFICERS are
ordinarily invited to attend.

CHESNEY DUNCAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 23, 1890. 2223

BUSINESS NOTICES.

NEW YEAR—1891!!



HAVE A LARGE SELECTION OF GOODS SUITABLE FOR NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

**ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, FANCY GLASS, AND CHINA, LEATHER GOODS,
LAMPS, SMOKER'S SUNDRIES, CABINETS, PHOTO FRAMES, TOYS,
and a great variety of NOVELTIES.**

Also the usual Assortment of
NEW YEAR DELICACIES,
Including:—PLUM PUDDINGS and CAKES, DESSERT FRUIT, YORK HAMS,
STILTON and GORGONIOLA CHEESE, FIGS, PRESERVED FISH,
PATES, VEGETABLES, TONGUES, &c., &c.

CONFECTIONERY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, December 29, 1890. 2250

W. POWELL & CO.

CHRISTMAS SHOW OF
TOYS

AND
SEASONABLE NOVELTIES.

W. POWELL & CO.

HONGKONG, December 15, 1890. 2150

victoria HOTEL,
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central
and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost
the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government
Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much en-
larged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.
The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been furnished in the most
comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.
The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.
An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious
large DINING HALL.
The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Trading, BILLIARD
and SMOKING ROOMS.
The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.
Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORAEJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1890. 1612

NEW HATS.

CHRISTY'S AND HEATH'S BLACK, BROWN AND GREY FELT HATS.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE TERAI AND OTHER SOFT FELTS.

BEST ENGLISH-MADE STRAW HATS.

LADIES' FELT HELMETS, AND
CALCUTTA PITH HATS,

TWEED CAPS.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

Hongkong, July 26, 1890. 1324

Intimations.

PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

BY a Resolution of the Board of Directors, the SHARES bearing the following Numbers have been declared FORFEITED, therefore are not negotiable:—
1219/1218, 552/631, 2037/2136, 2127/2160,
2157/2116, 542/551, 2505/2595, 277/2809,
3495/3505, 3856/3885, 227/301, 2810/3235,
389/391, 1076/1080, 3141/3155, 3165/3190.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. WHEELLEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 29, 1890. 2257

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified that the FIRST
CALL of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) per
Share on Shares in the above Company is
Payable to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION on or before MON-
DAY, the 19th January, 1891.

INTEREST at the Rate of 11 ½ per
Annum will be charged on all Calls over-due.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1890. 2167

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified that the FIRST
CALL of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) per
Share on Shares in the above Company is
Payable to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION on or before MON-
DAY, the 19th January, 1891.

INTEREST at the Rate of 11 ½ per
Annum will be charged on all Calls over-due.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 2, 1890. 2088

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby given that the FINAL
CALL of \$1000 (Ten Dollars) per
Share in the above Company is hereby
made, and is Payable at the HONGKONG &
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or
before January 20th, 1891.

INTEREST at the Rate of 12 ½ per
Annum will be charged on all Calls over-due.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. WHEELLEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 20, 1890. 2192

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby given that the FINAL
CALL of \$1000 (Ten Dollars) per
Share in the above Company is hereby
made, and is Payable at the HONGKONG &
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or
before January 20th, 1891.

INTEREST at the Rate of 12 ½ per
Annum will be charged on all Calls over-due.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. J. GAUPP & CO., Agents.

Notices to Consignees.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM ANTWERP, LIVERPOOL AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Pingay*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Underwriting, before Noon on the 3rd January, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, crushed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd Prox., at 4 p.m.

No late Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 3rd Prox. will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 29, 1890. 2246

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG
LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000
RESERVE FUND, 1,250,000

Board of Directors:
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman, Managing
Hon. C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman, Directors.

LEE SING, Esq.
S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
J. S. MOSES, Esq.
G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
POON PONG, Esq.
D. R. SASSOON, Esq.

Bankers:
THE HONKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY ADVANCED ON MORTGAGE,
or LAND or BUILDINGS;
PROPERTIES
PURCHASED AND SOLD.

Estates managed, and all kinds of Agency
and Commission Business relating
to Land, &c., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the
Company's Offices, No. 5, Queen's Road
Central.

A SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. 844

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

LAST NIGHT
but 5 of THE
STANLEY COMPANY,
Under Distinguished Patronage.
All the Parts join in one Chorus of Praise.
ONE MORE PERFORMANCE
OF THE PANTOMIME
TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY), 31st.

By special Request. At the Last Transformation Scene the whole Company will Sing the 'Bools' or 'The Old Year out' and the New One in.

The Pantomime visited by over 2,000
People in 5 Performances.

Our Special Features—Roaring fun, delightful melody, exquisite harmony, melting pathos, dramatic ability, refined wit, enjoyable humour, delectable art, continuous merriment.

THURSDAY,
FAREWELL.
Joint Benefit tendered to
Miss FANNY STANLEY and Miss AMY CHILDS.

FRIDAY,
Shakespeare's Sublime 5-Act Tragedy,
HAMLET, PRINCE OF DENMARK.
Mr. H. PYNE in his acknowledged splendid
Performance of the Prince of Denmark.

SATURDAY,
Last Night but Three.
BOB ROY MACGREGOR.
Mr. H. STANLEY Bob Roy.

SEAS.....\$2.00 and \$1.00.
Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD.
Doors open 8.30. Overture at 9 o'clock.
T. EMPSON, Manager.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2263

GOLF.

THE MACEWEN CHALLENGE CUP
will be played for on TUESDAY,
play to begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be
served in the Grand Stand, by kind permission
of the JOKEY CLUB. Intending Competitors
will find scoring cards with rules
on the ground.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2268

The Overland China Mail,

A WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE HOME MAIL.
IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure
of each Tuesday and Friday Mail
Steamer for Europe. It contains special
Commercial intelligence, special tables of
Shipping, and other information. The
various Reports of Courts and Meetings,
and all other news, are given in full as
they appear in the Daily Journals.

The Overland China Mail, by the convenience of its form and the accuracy and fulness of its reports, has long been popular with residents who wish to send home a weekly budget of the news of Hongkong and the Far East. Circulating in its tones, among nearly all the old China hands at home and also among residents at the Treaty Ports and in the interior, it offers special advantages to advertisers.

The Overland China Mail will be regularly posted from the China Mail Office to subscribers on their address being forwarded to the Office.

Subscription:
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Single Copy, 0.50.

China Mail Office, Hongkong.

To-day's Advertisements.

GRAND BALLOON
ASCENSION
AND TOWER DIVE
BY THE
BALDWIN BROS.
THE LEADING AERONAUTS OF
THE WORLD.

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WHO has had the Honor of Appearing,
by special command, before their
Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess
of Wales, and other members of the Royal
Family.

BALDWIN BROTHERS
WILL ON
SATURDAY, Jan. 3, 1891,
GIVE THEIR PERFORMANCE
AT THE
RACE COURSE, HAPPY VALLEY.

INFORMATION has been Received from
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that
ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place
from East and South Shore Batteries, Stone
Cutters' Island, from the 8th to 20th
JANUARY NEXT, between the hours of
9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

The Line of Fire will be in a South-
Westerly direction from the Batteries.
All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are
cautioned to keep clear of the Range.

By Command, F. VIVIAN LADDIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2265

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
The Steamship
Kriemhild,
Captain J. Evans, will
be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd January,
1891, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMENS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2270

WANTED, A BILL COLLECTOR.
WANTED an EXPERIENCED BILL COL-
LECTOR. Must be prepared to give
\$500 security.

Apply to X. Y.
c/o. China Mail Office.
Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2266

HONGKONG-RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A COMPETITION for the Subscription
CHALLENGE CUPS and RANGE
SPOONS will be held on SATURDAY
NEXT, the 3rd January, at 3.15 p.m.
Ranges—200 and 300 Yards, 7 Shots at
each Position, any. Entrance Fee, 30
Conts.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier
at 2.45 p.m. to take over Competitors.

C. VIVIAN LADDIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2265

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been Received from
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that
ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place
from East and South Shore Batteries, Stone
Cutters' Island, from the 8th to 20th
JANUARY NEXT, between the hours of
9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

The Line of Fire will be in a South-
Westerly direction from the Batteries.
All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are
cautioned to keep clear of the Range.

By Command, F. FLEMING,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 30th December, 1890. 2267

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour.

ARIA, British barque, Capt. S. Munro.
Wieder & Co.

E. P. CHENEY, American ship, Capt. C.
E. Humphrey.—Russell & Co.

BITTERN, British 3-masted sloop, Capt.
John Stronach.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

JOHN BAZILEY, American barquentine,
Captain F. P. Shepherd—Master.

L. HAUS, German barque, Captain Otto
Busch.—Wieder & Co.

LOTHIAN, British barque, Capt. Theos.
Evans.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

MOPAC, American barquentine, Capt. P.
Bosch.—Say Chong.

S. NICHOLAS, American ship, Capt. C.
F. Carver.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr. NISSIM DAVID EZEKIEL of
our Firm CEASED on the 23rd December,
1890.

EZEKIEL & JOSEPH.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
CHEMISTS, &c.

WE beg to invite careful attention to
the following selection from our
Business under the Style of J. SEPH &
LEVY and Liquidate all Outstanding
Accounts of the above Firm.

H. J. JOSEPH.

S. E. LEVY.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2269

N O T I C E .

WITH Reference to the above, the
Undersigned will carry on the
Business under the Style of J. SEPH &
LEVY and Liquidate all Outstanding
Accounts of the above Firm.

J. SEPH.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890.

DAKIN & JOSEPH.

SHERRY.

VINO GENEROSO.—a
generous round wine,
green seal.....\$6.00 \$1.00

VINO DE PASTO—a
medium dry wine with
delicate flavour, red seal.....\$10.00 \$1.00

AMONTILLADO—a high
class natural wine for
enrichments of Sherry, yellow
seal.....\$12.00 \$1.10

DELICIOSO—the very
best sherry procurable, 6
years in bottle.....\$14.00 \$1.25

POET.

Superior quality.....\$10.00 \$1.00

Old Towny, soft and maturer.....\$12.00 \$1.10

black seal.....\$14.00 \$1.25

Speciaily selected old wine.....\$20.00 \$1.75

BURGUNDY.

EAU-DE-COLOGNE.

AVIZINE—a well matured,
especially selected dry wine \$18.00 \$1.75

LEMOINE—VIN D'UT.

—CUVEE ROYALE As

Supplied regularly to the

Prince of Wales, House

of Commons, and the

chief places in London & Co.

Through Passage Tickets granted as follows:

To San Francisco.....\$225.00

To San Francisco and return, 393.75

To Liverpool.....\$35.00

To London.....\$32.00

To other European ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to
officers. For further information as to
passage and freight, apply to the Agency of
the JOKEY CLUB. Intending Competitors
will find scoring cards with rules
on the ground.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2268

THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

General Memoranda.

ARRIVALS.

December 31, 1890.

Canton, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Kuang Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,504; R. L.

Lincoln, Shanghai December 28, General—

Karsberg & Co.

Lodia, British barque, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

December 31.—

Padumus, for Shanghai.

Nanhai, for Swatow.

To Hongkong, for Bangkok.

Takao, for Foochow.

GENERAL.

C. D. HARMAN,
signed.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2100

SHIPPING.

are to be received each year by the Emperor. The reception may destroy a little of the two which surrounds the Emperor God, and in course of time the Chinese may discover that their Son of Heaven is made of clay and rather poor clay. But this is a distant speculation.

China has had to mourn the loss of one of her greatest men, the Marquis Tseng, who was an able advocate of reform, and helped a great deal to push along the wheels of State. A servant also in another sphere and of another nationality passed to the great majority in the person of Dr. A. Williamson, an able and large-hearted missionary who did much good work in China. And while mentioning him we may refer to the great missionary conference that was held this year at Shanghai. The proportion of work done was not large in comparison with the amount of talk, but there can be no doubt that a new impetus was given to missionary labour.

Another treaty port has been opened or all but opened—Nanking; but as the right to steam communication has been abandoned, the port is of little value, being almost as far distant from Shanghai, situated in time, as Shanghai is from London. Our ambassador said our birthright for a mess of potage. China has not been so much before the public notice. China took the advantage of the death of the Queen to insist on a cession, which it involved an open recognition of her suzerainty, and she has thereby considerably improved her position in the little kingdom. South Formosa has been the scene of several invasions by the savage tribes of the interior aided by Chinese discontented with the rapacious exactions of the Chinese officials. South Formosa is in a very backward condition, and the Chinese are doing nothing to improve the place. In the North the Viceroy has introduced several improvements, but his railway and other works are progressing very slowly. A cannibal movement on the part of officers in the Chinese navy caused the retirement of Admiral Lang, and his withdrawal has been followed by that of other English officers. The Chinese show some desire to organize their navy, but it is feared that when they have their ships entirely in their own hands, the vessels will be treated as toys and will soon become worthless.

Traffic has not been brisk during the past year. The depression which was so marked last year has not passed away. The decline of the tea trade still goes on, and unless some efforts are made to meet the competition of India and Ceylon, China will soon be beaten out of the market. An English expert in the cultivation of tea has been called to Peking, and it is hoped that he may lead the Chinese to adopt improved methods. There is no sign yet of a willingness to give up the tea tax, but it will have to go, if the trade is to be maintained.

In contrast to the slow movement of China, Japan is advancing with rapid strides. The country is being covered with railways, and signs of progress are visible wherever one turns. In the direction of political freedom a great advance has recently been made by the holding of the first parliamentary election, based on a franchise corresponding somewhat to the franchise established by the first Reform Bill in England, and by the subsequent opening of the Parliament, which is the first in Asia. The legislators seem to be taking an intelligent interest in the affairs of the country and have already settled down to good work. Two or three incidents, however, have occurred during the year, which show that there is still a good deal of the old nature beneath the brand-new suit of European clothes. The efforts to obtain rank among the civilised powers of Europe by the abolition of extra-territorial rights and the opening of the country have not yet been crowned with success. Although there is a disposition on the part of the Western nations to yield to the claims of Japan, a pretty strong contrary feeling has been evoked among the European residents in the country, who are chafing for guarantees.

Of disasters in this quarter of the globe there is not such a large catalogue as we have had to present at the end of some recent years. The Yellow River again burst its banks and part of Shantung was flooded, but the devastation, compared with former floods, was not of a very serious character. From Tientsin to Pekin the country was flooded, and there was considerable loss of life and a great destruction of property, part of the railway being carried away. A powder magazine exploded in Anhui by which as many as 800 lives are said to have been lost. The most serious shipwreck disaster on the coast was the wreck of the Turkish frigate *Ertugrul*, which was attended with the loss of about 500 lives. Next in magnitude was the burning of the river steamer *Shanghai*, by which more than 100 lives are said to have been lost. The *Packing*, another Shanghai river steamer, was also burned, the Captain, second engineer and twenty natives losing their lives. Messrs. Siemason & Co. lost one of their boats, the *Yontze*, and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have had several losses on the coast of Japan.

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A few months later an immense execution

was created, not only along the shores of the Red sea, but also at Rome, by the news

that Mousa El Akkad had suddenly been arrested on a charge of conspiracy to sur-

render Massowah to the hostile Abyssinians under Ras Alula at a moment

when the Italian Commander-in-Chief, Gen-

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partner in all his legal and illegal financial

and commercial transactions, and that the

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son was done to get him out of the way.

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anybody interfered with the plans or pro-

jects of the Count he immediately proceed-

ed to dispose of him by arresting and con-

demding him to prison as a traitor to the

Italian cause. A number of more or less

innocent persons are therefore working out

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blindness, and is unable to see well enough

to read. He has been offered by his physi-

cian to give his eyes perfect rest.

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colored, quarreled to-night over money

matters and came to blows. The lamp was

overturned and extinguished and the men

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found totally cut with razors.

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the fire, but the loss through destruction

of property in the town is estimated at

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fell and some of the occupants were killed.

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out Holland. A large number of bridges

and dykes have been destroyed.

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ficials on the frontier have refused to ad-

mit the lymph sent to Koch to Pasteur.

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Trao has not been bright during the past year. The depression which was so marked last year has not passed away. The decline of the tea trade still goes on, and unless some efforts are made to meet the competition of India and Ceylon, China will soon be beaten out of the market. An English expert in the cultivation of tea has been called to Peking, and it is hoped that he may lead the Chinese to adopt improved methods. There is no sign yet of a willingness to give up the tea tax on tea, but it will have to go, if the trade is to be maintained.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

AN OLD MAID OF BOSTON WEDS A CHINESE. New York, November 24.—Miss Lilian Roundy of 27 Rutgers street was married this afternoon in Calvary Baptist Church, on West Fifty-seventh street, of which Rev. Dr. S. A. McArthur is pastor, to Young Shing, a Chinese, who has been in her Sunday-school class. Only a few intimate friends of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony.

Miss Roundy is not yet 40 years old. She is tall and very slight, her hair is brown and she wears eye-glasses. She has been greatly interested in the work of foreign missions. She also taught a Chinese class at the Mariners' Temple on Oliver street. Miss Roundy is said to have some money, and she was able to devote a good deal of her time to missionary work among the heathen.

Young Shing was a widower, and his first wife was also an American woman. Young was born in Hongkong, and is rather good-looking. He is tall and straight, and dressed in American fashion. His English vocabulary is not large, but he speaks Spanish fluently. For a number of years after leaving China he lived in Cuba. Shing is a cigar-maker.

THE GREAT CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

Berlin, November 23.—An English patient with lupus has been practically cured, after five injections of Koch's lymph. An English physician charges Koch's assistants with selling the lymph in great quantities without Koch's knowledge.

Berlin, November 23.—The Post publishes a statement by Dr. Daniels, the colleague of Dr. Levy, in which he admits that 500 marks was asked and paid for a single injection of Koch's lymph. The money was given to Drs. Cornet and Dingel. Koch has declined to further supply either Levy or Dingel.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 22.—REPUBLICAN CAPITAL though it is, this city is yet the Mecca of all the royalties of Europe. There are always more royalties here than in any other capital, and at times there are so many of them that it looks as though a universal monarchical congress was being held.

AMONG THOSE WHO ARE HEROES AT PRESENT none deserve more consideration than M. Pedro II. Cantara, who, up to a year ago, was known as Dom Pedro II., Emperor of Brazil. He is having a capital time, and is not at all likely to spend Saturday of next week in mournful seclusion.

That will be the first anniversary of the revolution which made him a crownless or a thronless exile. One might well believe that this amiable old gentleman has forgotten all about that episode, and indeed all about his sovereignty, and has pursued himself so far as to be a private gentleman of domestic habits and scientific tastes.

Despite his age and his uncertain health he is enjoying Paris to the full. Every day sees him going about from place to place with the interest